

Introduced by Senator Vasconcellos

February 21, 2003

An act to repeal and add Section 51220.3 to the Education Code, relating to instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 801, as amended, Vasconcellos. Instruction: grade point average.

(1) Existing law, commencing in the 2005–06 school year, prohibits a school district, when calculating a pupil's grade point average, from assigning extra grade weighting to a course that covers a subject required for admission to the University of California or the California State University unless the University of California approves the course for extra grade weighting.

This bill would repeal this provision and would instead require a school district maintaining a high school and that uses a weighted grade point average to determine class rank to report *once* to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by February 1, 2005, on the methodology used to compute the grade point average, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would require the superintendent to make this information available to the public by January 1, 2006, and to notify the Legislature of its availability.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide

and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51220.3 of the Education Code is
2 repealed.
3 SEC. 2. Section 51220.3 is added to the Education Code, to
4 read:
5 51220.3. Each school district maintaining a high school that
6 uses a weighted grade point average to determine class rank shall
7 report *once* to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by
8 February 1, 2005, on the methodology used to compute the grade
9 point average. The superintendent shall make this information
10 available to the public by January 1, 2006, and shall notify the
11 Legislature of the availability of the information.
12 SEC. 3. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
13 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
14 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
15 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
16 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
17 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
18 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
19 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
20 Fund.

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